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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE

1. AFTER GA ADOPTED RESOLUTION INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN PALESTINIAN QUESTION DEBATE, ACTING CHIEF OF PLO DELEGATION NABIL SCHAAATH HELD BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS.

A. SCHAAATH SAID ADOPTION OF PLO RESOLUTION WAS "HISTORIC OCCASION". PALESTINIANS LEFT UN AS REFUGEES, RETURNED AS LIBERATION MOVEMENT - A POLITICAL FORCE REPRESENTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PALESTINIAN CAME TO UN TO DEMAND THEIR RIGHTS; HOWEVER, THEY ALSO FELT SENSE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBILITY, BEING THE FIRST NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN TO

PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY DELIBERATIONS.

B. ASKED IF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS PRECLUDED ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE, SCHAATH REPLIED THAT PALESTINIANS' LONG-TERM GOAL WAS A STATE IN WHICH PALESTINIANS AND JEWS LIVED TOGETHER. SHORT-TERM GOAL WAS TO ESTABLISH "A NATIONAL AUTHORITY" FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

C. SCHAATH SAID ARAFAT PROBABLY WAS COMING TO UN, BUT DEFINITE DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE.

D. SCHAATH DECLARED US VOTE SHOWED THAT US HAD NOT CHANGED ITS BASIC POSITION. US STILL HAD NOT RECOGNIZED RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. SCHAATH SAID HE KNEW OF NO CONTACT BETWEEN PLO AND US OFFICIALS.

E. ASKED IF PLO WOULD REJECT USE OF TERROR NOW THAT IT HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN UN, SCHAATH REPLIED THAT OFFICIAL PLO POSITION WAS THAT PLO DID NOT CONDONE THE USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THIRD PARTIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. NOW, HE SAID, PLO WOULD GO FURTHER. IT WOULD NOT ONLY CONDEMN USE OF TERROR, BUT IT WOULD DO ITS BEST TO STOP AND APPREHEND TERRORISTS.
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